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(C) On March 3, Mr. Ard van der Vorst, Coordinator for Political Affairs in the Western Balkans Division at the Dutch MFA, told poloff that the Dutch cabinet had instructed FM Verhagen to recognize Kosovo. The Cabinet made the decision Friday, February 29. Van der Vorst was not sure whether the public announcement would be March 4 or 5 but thought it would be "within 24 hours or so." Also March 3, EU Correspondent Desiree Kopmels said a decision on Kosovo independence was not public but would be announced "soon." Arnall